



Welcome!

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Philosophy and Goals

*“N., be sealed with the
Gift of the Holy Spirit”*

Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation, one of the three sacraments through which people become members of the Christian community. Confirmation preparation is part of mentoring a future generation of Christians to take their rightful place within a faith community.

Teens are the future and the promise of such a community of faith believers. As parents, through the Sacrament of Baptism, you brought your child into the church and now share your faith with them. Inviting them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is an important next step.

The best preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation that you, as a parent, can give your son/daughter is the day-to-day living out the faith within your home. Children grow naturally into full membership in a community where faith is truly a lived experience. We invite you to continue to extend support to your son/daughter so that this faith journey will continue. Throughout this year, we will walk this journey with you.

Confirmation Parent/Teen Meeting

This is a **required meeting** for **ALL** Confirmation Candidates **AND** Parents

Tuesday, November 9, 2010
7:00- 8:45 p.m. in the Church

Bring your family calendars to schedule retreat date

At this meeting, you will be given a Confirmation registration packet. These materials can **ONLY** be obtained by attending this required meeting. Mrs. Heil will engage both teens and parents with interactive discussion. Due to subject matter, **DO NOT bring young children.** You will also sign up for the required retreat and Life Teen meetings. Bring your family calendar to eliminate conflicts.

IMPORTANT: This is the **ONLY** meeting being offered at St. Brendan. Because we have hired well-known speaker, Mrs. Pam Heil, Youth Minister at St. Brigid Parish, for the evening, **NO MAKE-UP SESSION** will be offered here. If you are unable to attend the program here at St. Brendan, it is your responsibility to attend any of Mrs. Heil's sessions at another parish. Take with you a note with the church's name, the date, your teen's signature & have Mrs. Heil sign it. Once you have attended and have your note signed, contact our MFF office to make arrangements to pick up your Confirmation packet.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Friday, May 20, 2011
4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. ceremonies

Bishop Campbell has requested two solemn Celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Because the Bishop has asked for balance at each ceremony, the total number of teens eligible for the sacrament will be divided in half, which will determine the number of candidates possible for each ceremony. **IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL TIME NEED**, it is your responsibility to have all required information sent to the Ministry of Faith Formation office **BEFORE** the due date to have the best chance of receiving your requested time.

The registration form will be included in the Confirmation packet you will receive at the parent/teen meeting. It is due by **March 10, 2011.**

CONFIRMATION

2011

St. Brendan
the Navigator Church



4475 Dublin Rd.
Hilliard, OH 43026
www.stbrendans.net/re_ed.htm

(614)876-9533

Practice

Saturday, May 14, 2011

for candidates *only*

9:00-10:00 a.m. (for 4:00pm ceremony) *

10:30-11:30 a.m. (for 7:30pm ceremony) *

*meet in School Cafeteria 15 minutes prior to practice

Confirmation Requirements

Courses

Those attending the Faith Formation program need to successfully complete the 4 semesters of Confirmation preparation courses. In the Edge Program, there are two completed during the 7th grade year & two completed during the 8th grade year.

Confirmation Retreat

Each 8th grader is to attend one of the two retreats held at St. Brendan School. A retreat is a very special time for interaction, prayer, and reflection. The retreats, limited to 80 teens at each session, will be held on the following dates in the school cafeteria:

Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011 1:00-5:00 pm **

Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011 1:00-5:00 pm **

**Following the retreat, parents are to meet their son or daughter in the Gathering Space by 5:10 p.m. and attend the 5:30 p.m. Life Teen Mass. The Rite of Commissioning will take place during this liturgy.

Service

Each teen is to complete a minimum of ten (10) hours of service without pay in the community during his/her 8th grade summer and/or school year. Altar serving is NOT a recognized form of service for this requirement. A TYPED LIST of the services and the people or group the teen served is required.

LIFE TEEN Sessions

Each teen is required to attend at least three (3) LIFE TEEN sessions between Sept. and March ...choose from Life Nights, DTS or Hot Seats(no social or off campus). Life Teen is on Sunday evenings 6:30-8:30pm in SBS cafeteria. It is suggested that the teen also attend the 5:30 Mass before LIFE TEEN. See the Life Teen website for program details & for the fall schedule: www.stbrendans.net/youth_min.htm

Fees

Registration & fee returned on or before:

March 10, 2011

\$30.00

Late registrations:

\$35.00

Fee must accompany the registration form.

Confirmation Name

Almost everyone has two names: a first name and a last name. Your first name tells others who you are. Your last name tells others the family to which you belong. Names are a sign of power.

Through Confirmation we enter into a new relationship with God and with the Church. One Confirmation custom is that the Confirmation candidate chooses a new name to symbolize this relationship OR to show the connection between Baptism and Confirmation one may choose to reaffirm the name given by parents at the time of Baptism. During the ceremony, the Bishop calls the candidate by his/her Confirmation name and anoints him/her with the oil of Chrism.

Bishop Campbell may ask a candidate to tell him something about the saint's name being used, since this saint will be the candidate's mentor and guide throughout life. Be prepared.

Dress Code

The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated within the context of the Mass. The candidate will stand with his/her sponsor in front of Bishop Campbell, who will call him/her by name, anoint with Chrism oil, and offer a greeting of peace. This is a church "dress-up" occasion from head to toe. In choosing appropriate clothing, please remember this is a church service, so choose wisely. (Please note for girls, shoulders and midriff must be covered, and for boys, a dress shirt and tie is appropriate).

Sponsors

The Confirmation candidate will choose a sponsor, an individual who will support him/her in the process of becoming an active member in the Church. Since the sponsor continues the godparents' role of helping the candidate fulfill his/her baptismal promises, the Church encourages the candidate to choose his or her godparent to be the sponsor at Confirmation. However, due to distance or circumstances, it may be preferable for some other significant person to fill this role.

By Canon Law, parents and step-parents MAY NOT serve as a sponsor or proxy.

The sponsor must have already received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), and obviously needs to be a Catholic practicing our Faith.

The sponsor will present the candidate to the Bishop during the Confirmation Ceremony.

Once the teen has chosen a special person to fill the role of sponsor, he/she will receive an invitation from the teen to respond by letter to specific questions regarding the meaning of the sacrament and how being confirmed helps with continuing faith formation in one's life. This letter is to be returned to the teen, who will then return it to the Ministry of Faith Formation Office.

Important Dates

November 9 – Parent/Teen meeting

January 23 – Retreat *or*

February 6 – Retreat

March 10 – Registration & Fee Due

March 31 – Sponsor letter, Service List & Confirmation Name form/paragraph Due

May 14 - Practice

May 20, 2011 - Confirmation Ceremonies